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SUBJECT: NEWMONT WINS BUYAT BAY CASE IN SUPREME COURT

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¶1. (U) According to Newmont executives, the Indonesian Supreme Court handed down a decision this week that upholds the 2007 acquittal by a court in Manado, North Sulawesi. The prosecutors in the case appealed the full acquittal in the environmental case against PT Newmont Minahasa Raya, Newmont's subsidiary in charge of the Sulawesi mine, but were unable to convince the Supreme Court that the prosecution had merit. The text of the ruling has not yet been made public.

¶2. (U) Also exonerated by the decision was Richard Ness, who had been President of PT Newmont Minahasa Raya.

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